

What is the Global Action Day about?

Globally, every 11 minutes a woman or girl dies at the hands of an intimate partner or family member.¹

The goal of the global action day is to individually and collectively speak out for the women and girls who have lost their lives to violence.

November 25th is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and this day gives us the chance to speak, pray and take action in our church, community, or organization.

All you need is a chair and a sign.

Who can do it?

This action was started by Christians, and wants to serve our community by bringing a redemptive focus to the tragic consequences of violence against women and girls. However, this action is not just **for** Christians or **by** Christians - it's designed to partner with all people from every nation, language, and religion to rescue women and girls who represent all nations, languages, and religions. Please stand up and speak out so that together we can be a powerful witness.

When is it?

November 25 is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, with 16 days of advocacy immediately following. So you could hold an event at school or work on Friday 25 or choose Sunday, November 27 to join the action. Please choose a day and time that suits you.

Why do it?

Women and girls' lives have been snuffed out around the world by violent actions – often by men they know well. These women and girls are missed. Let's stand against evil and speak for them; help us protect others and ourselves from the control of current - and future - abusers.

How to take action?

Every single voice becomes part of a collective sound that reverberates around the world. You could preach/pray in your church, share survivor experiences to a group, host an event for your community, create a new charter for your organization, write a blog post, or connect with your political leaders about laws to protect women and girls.

A simple way to engage that takes 20 minutes to prepare is to join the Red Chair Project.

Download the materials you need at women.worldidea.org/cneda



1 United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (2021)

What is the Red Chair Project?

The Red Chair Project² involves reserving an empty chair at a public place with a sign in red highlighting facts about domestic violence. The empty chair will also serve as a visual symbol of the lives lost to gender-based violence. The colour red reminds us all of the violence faced by millions of women in war zones, on city streets, and also in their own homes. The sign is available in US letter/A4, postcard, and A3 sizes, in French, English, Spanish, Hindi, Romanian, Hungarian, and more.

What else can you do?

This might be the first time your church or friends have thought about domestic abuse and violence against women.

You could organize a short segment at church on Sunday, November 18 to inform people what abuse can look like and pray using one of the prayers available online. You could even devote the whole service to this issue, with the red chair, prayers, information, and a preach on healthy relationships using the preaching notes available online.

Also available is a charter that churches and organizations can use to make sure they are responding sensitively and wisely to any cases of violence and abuse. You can find a sample charter online with the other resources. This charter is an important way to keep momentum on this issue beyond the global action day.

Download all materials for the global action day at women.worlddea.org/cneda

Wherever you are, post photos and updates to social media with the hashtag **#notodomesticviolence**

Even one small action can raise awareness and help to stop violence against women and girls.

This action is organised by the Christian Network to End Domestic Abuse (CNEDA), which is a network of women and men across the world who are practitioners and campaigners on domestic violence. CNEDA is an initiative of the World Evangelical Alliance, supported by Restored, the Anglican Communion, World without Orphans and the Baptist Church.

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² The red chair project has been adapted from a very successful campaign in French churches called Une place pour Elles (www.unepoucepourelles.fr).

